



LIVE VIRTUAL TRAINING





Overview of Machine Learning for Pipeline Integrity Management

February 18, 2025

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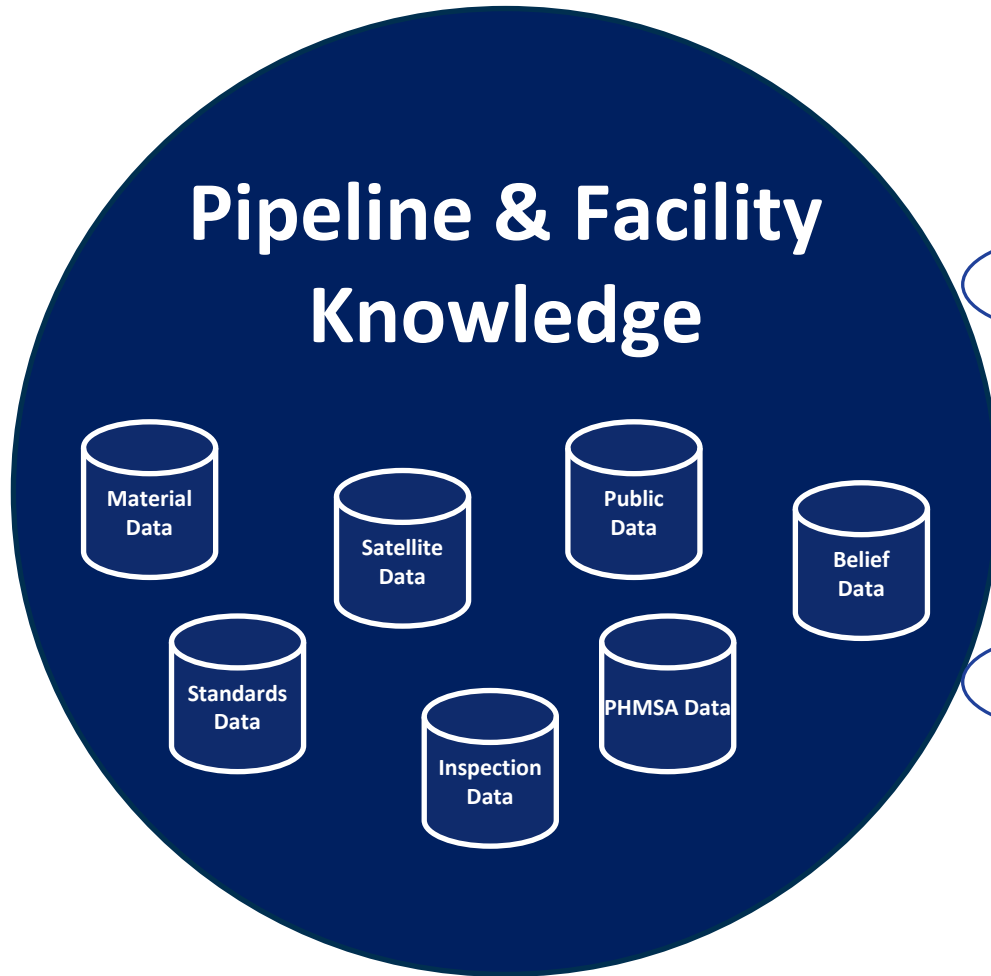
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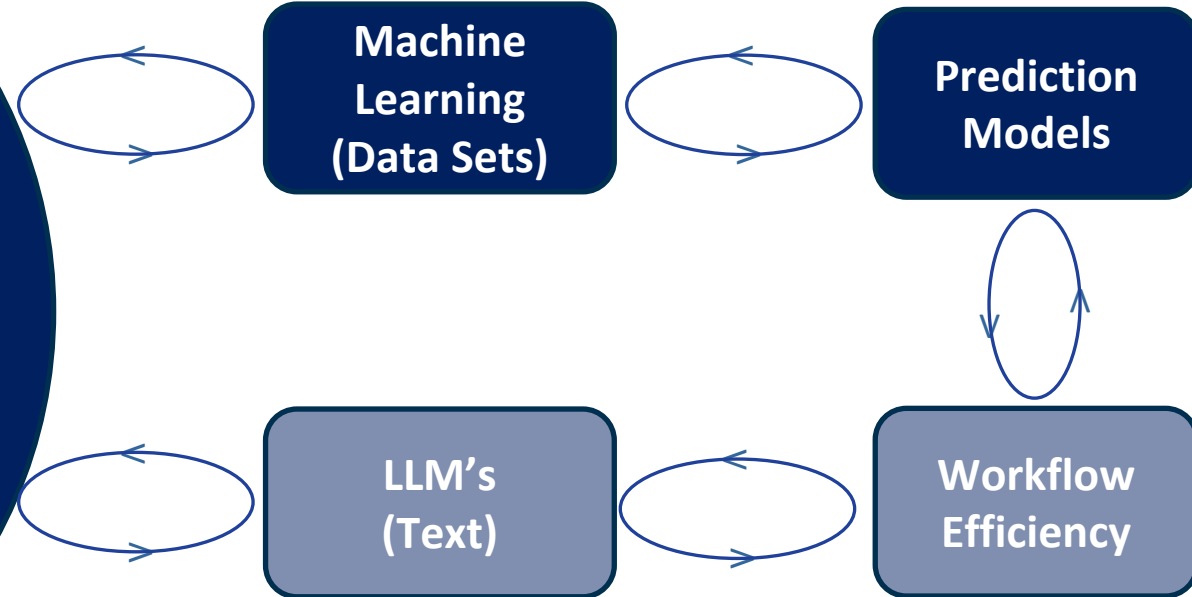
Webinar

- AI & Machine Learning
- Machine Learning Process
- Use Cases
- Questions

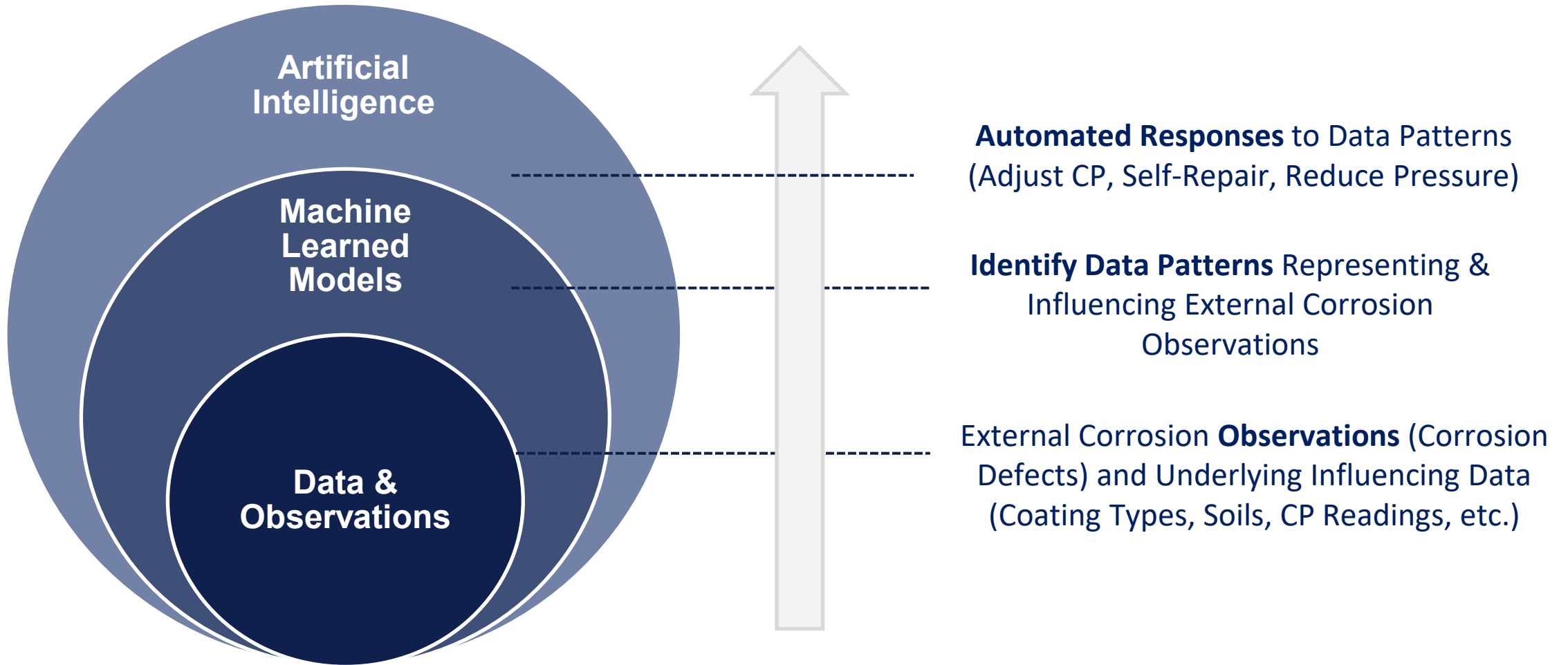
Big Picture



AI Agents & Business Value



Big Picture



Common Questions

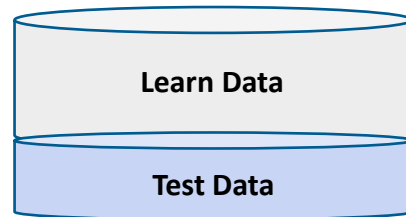
- Are Machine Learned Models an Improvement Over Deterministic Models?
- Do I have Enough of the Right Data?
- Are Patterns Inferential or Predictive? What's the Difference?
- Does the Model Meet Domain Expert Review?
- What Assets can I Apply the Learned Model?
- Is Performance Acceptable for Production Use?

Machine Learning Process

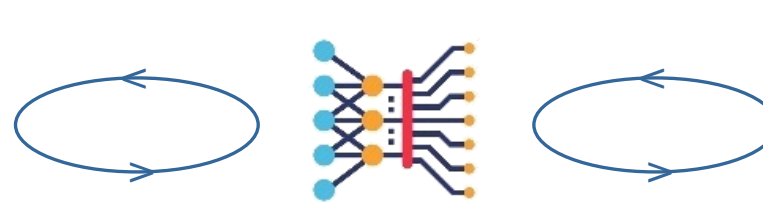
Learning Target
(Integrity, Risk)



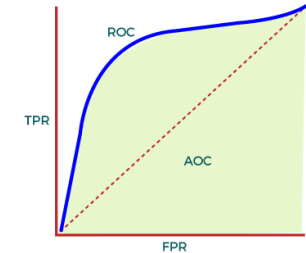
Training Data
(Observations, Predictors)



Learned Model
(Methods, Tuning)



Performance & Insights
(Validation & Acceptance)

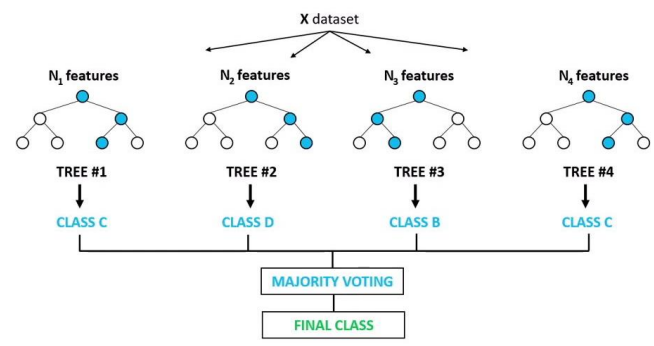


Key Points

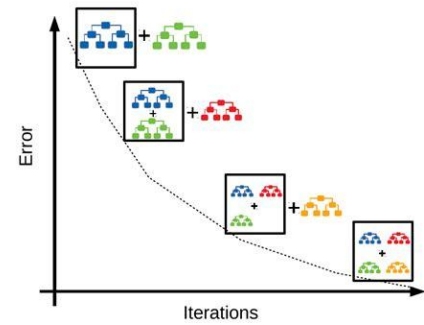
- Data Driven – Leverage Existing Data
- Validated – Models are Explicitly Validated
- Explainable – Models & Results are Fully Transparent & Explainable
- Versatile – Process may be Applied to Wide Range of Integrity & Risk Management Use Cases

Learning Methods

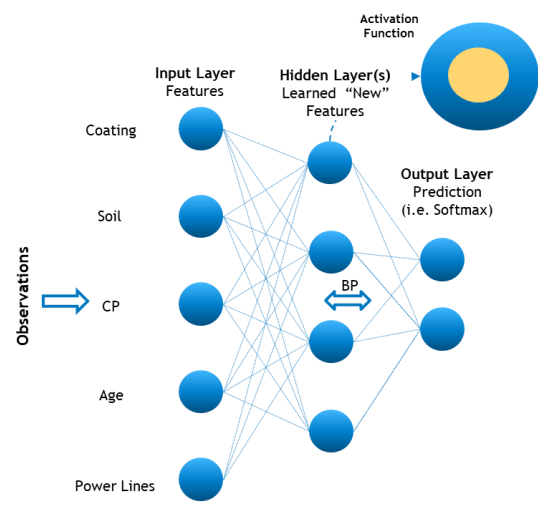
Tree Bagging



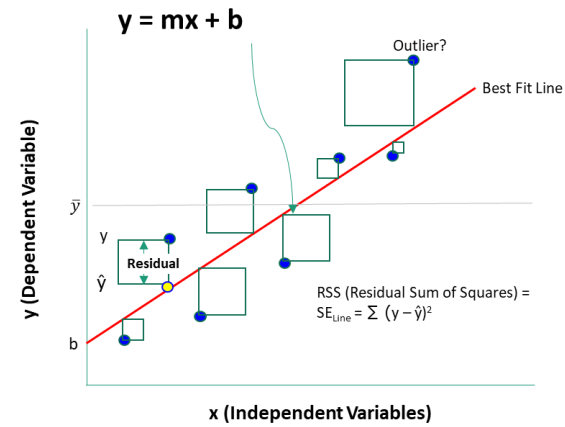
Tree Boosting



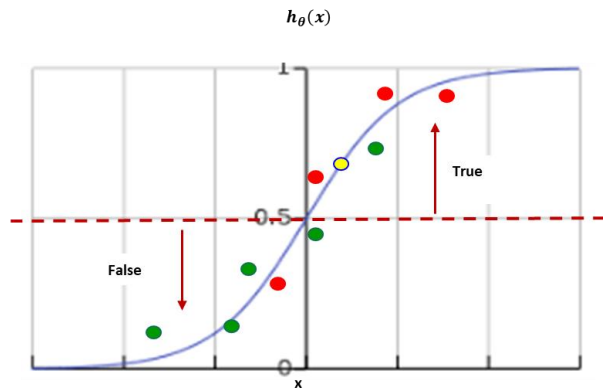
Neural Net



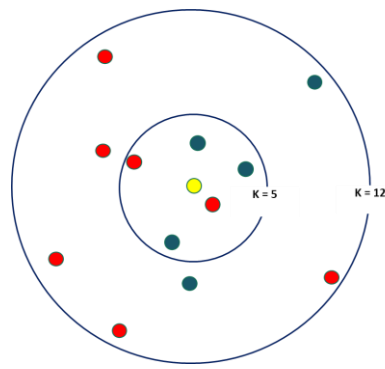
Linear Regression



Logistic Regression

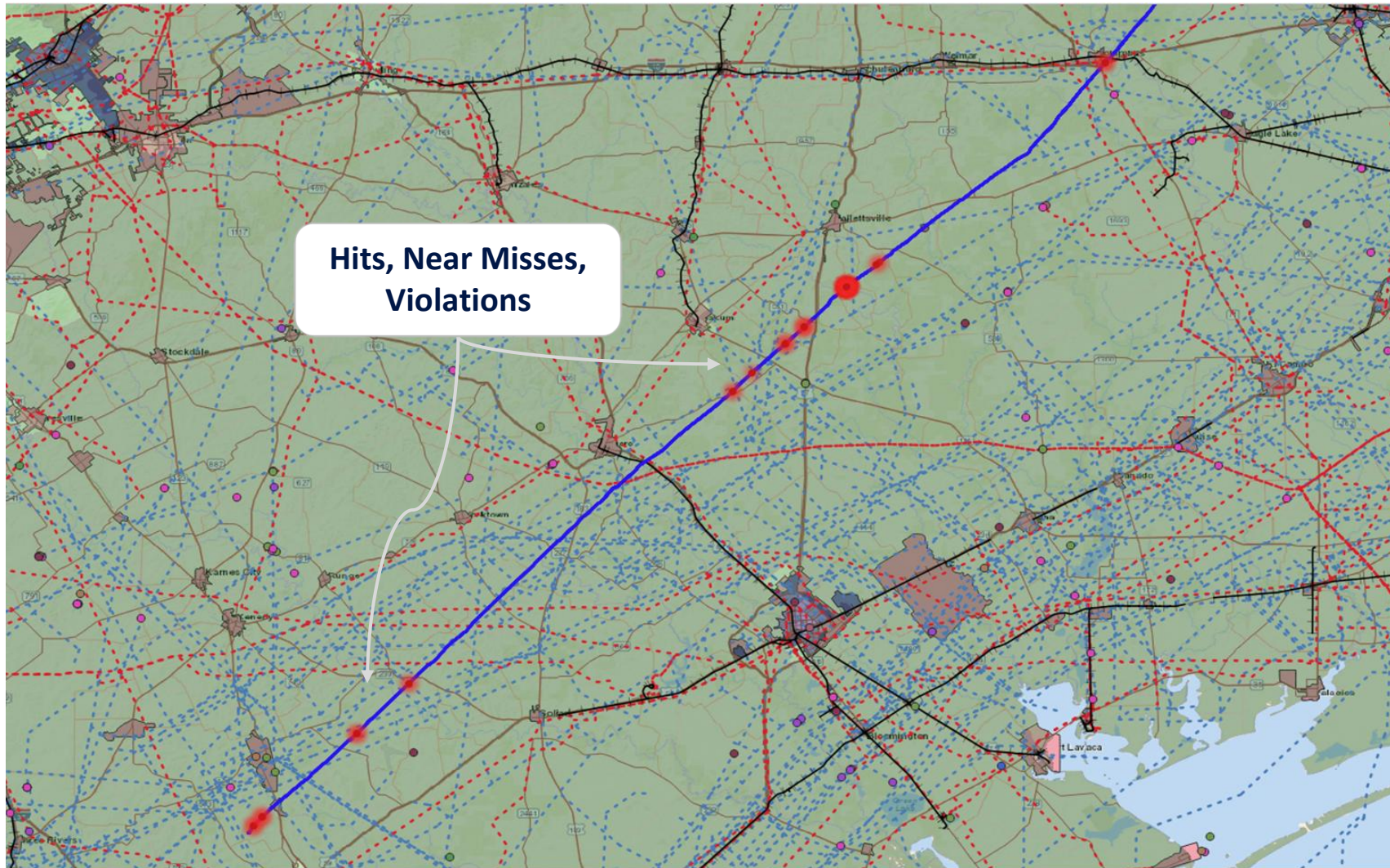


KNN



Third Party Damage Susceptibility (Classification)





Training Data

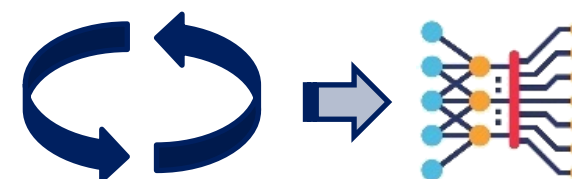
- Hits & Near-Misses
- One-Calls
- Pipe Properties
- Depth Cover
- Activity
- Land-Use
- Crossings
- Structures
- Patrol
- Public Awareness

Learning Target

Predictors

		Class	Diameter	DOC	Farmland	Install_Yr	LineMark	PatroFreq
All	A	A	All	A	All	All	All	All
No_Evidence	F	1.00	8.00	24.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
No_Evidence	F	1.00	8.00	24.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00		Semi-Annual
No_Evidence	F	1.00	8.00	25.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
No_Evidence	F	1.00	8.00	33.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
No_Evidence	F	1.00	8.00	30.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
One_Call_Violation	T	1.00	8.00	26.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
One_Call_Violation	T	2.00	8.00	26.00	Not_Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
Near_Miss	T	2.00	8.00	29.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
One_Call_Violation	T	2.00	8.00	24.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
Near_Miss	T	2.00	8.00	28.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
Near_Miss	T	2.00	8.00	34.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
Near_Miss	T	2.00	8.00	41.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual
No_Evidence	F	2.00	8.00	31.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Bi-Weekly
No_Evidence	F	3.00	8.00	24.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Bi-Weekly

Training Data



Machine
Learning
Process

Learned
Model

Learned Model Classification Performance

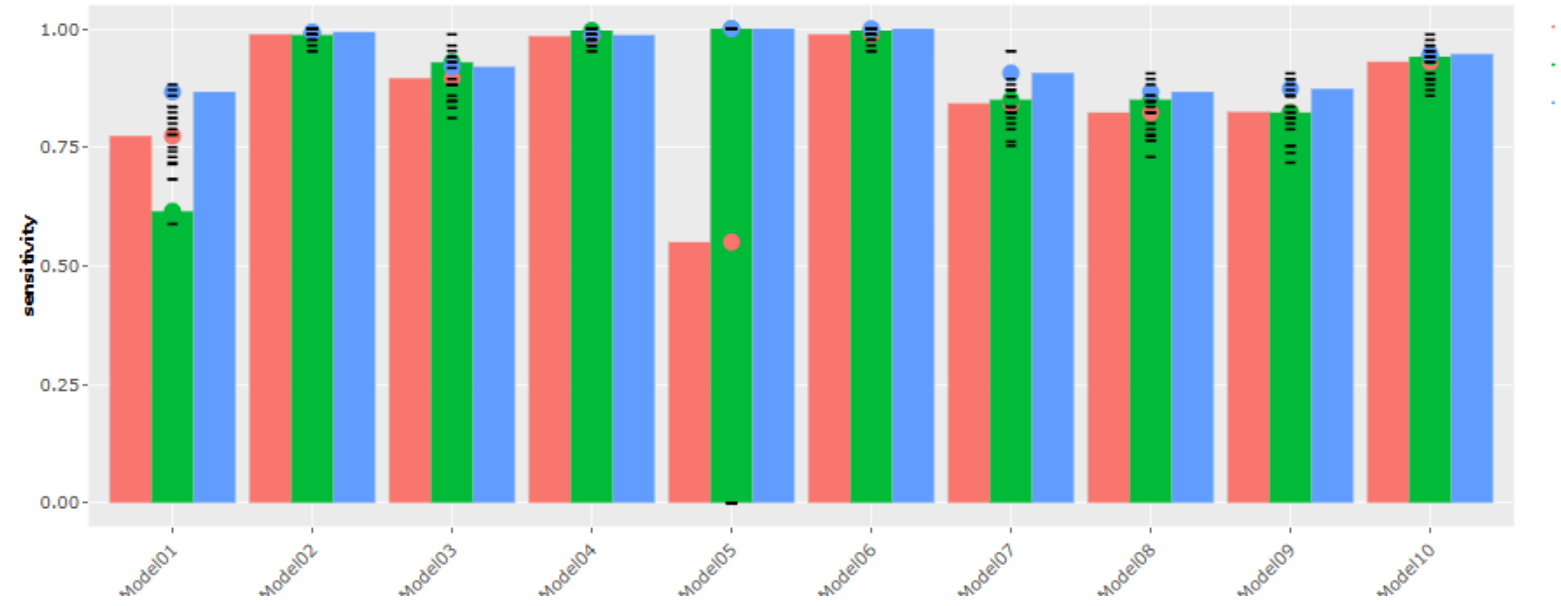
Metrics

- Accuracy
- Sensitivity
- Specificity
- AUC

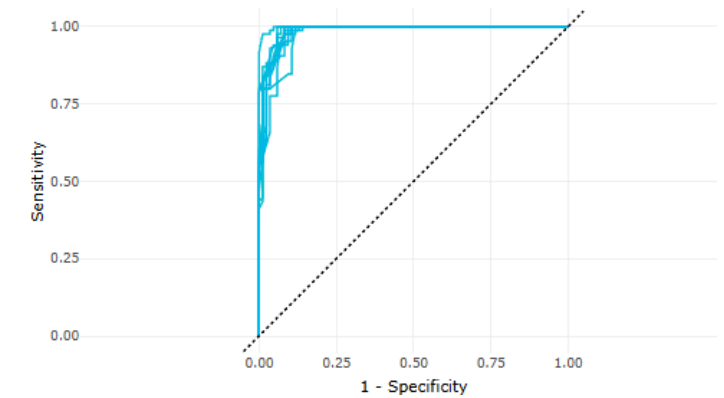
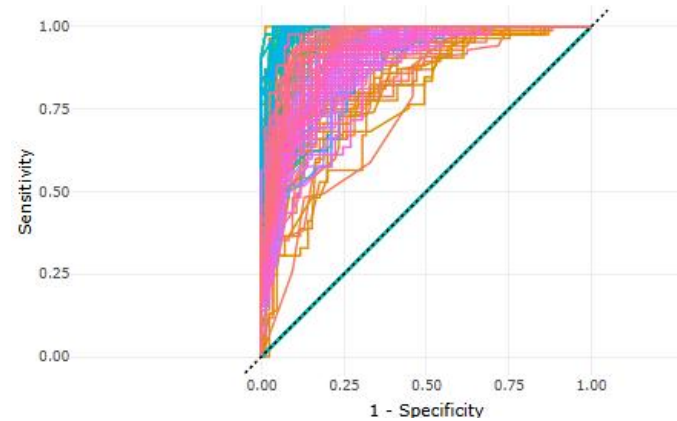
Model

- Xgboost Method
- 2000 Trees
- 5 Depth
- 2 Min Obs
- .0001 Loss

Candidate Model Performance

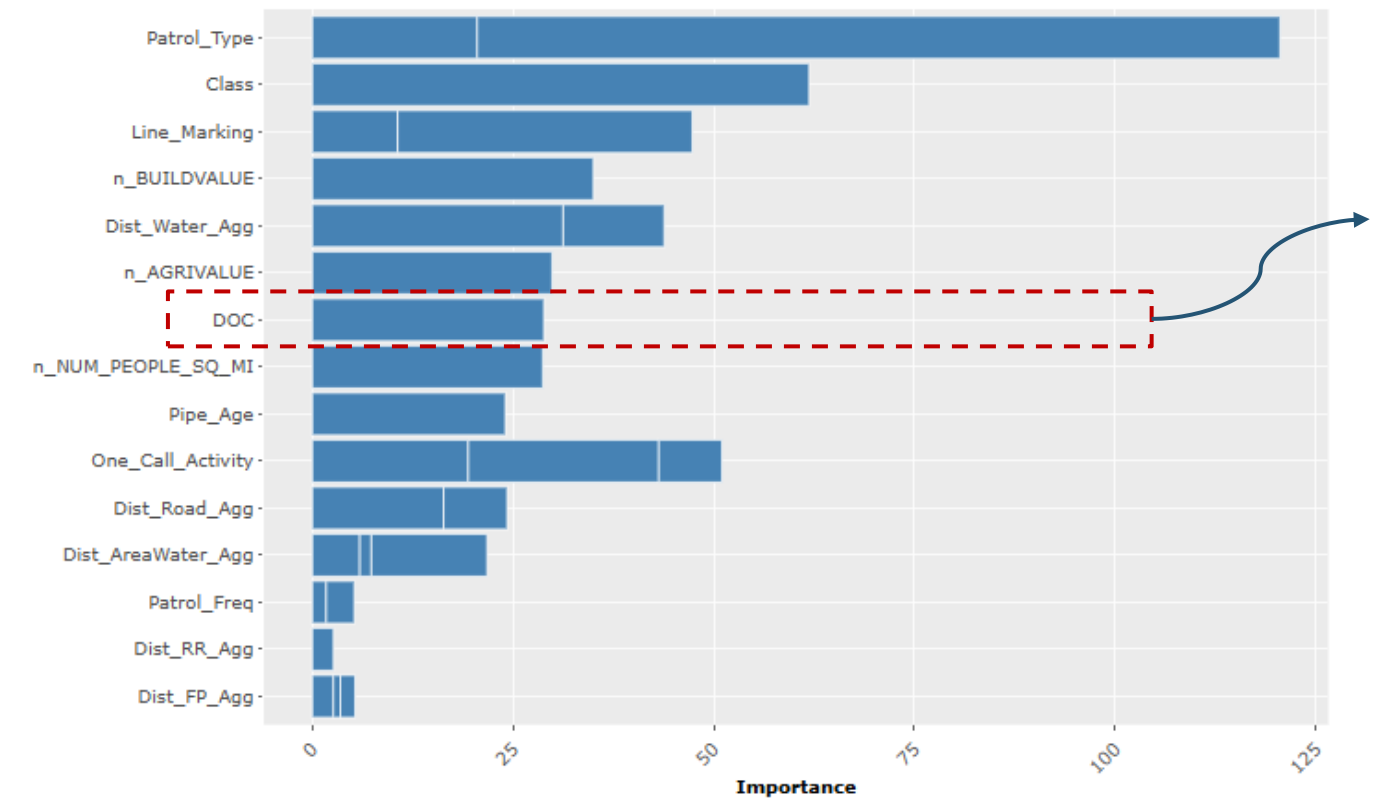


Candidate Model ROC's

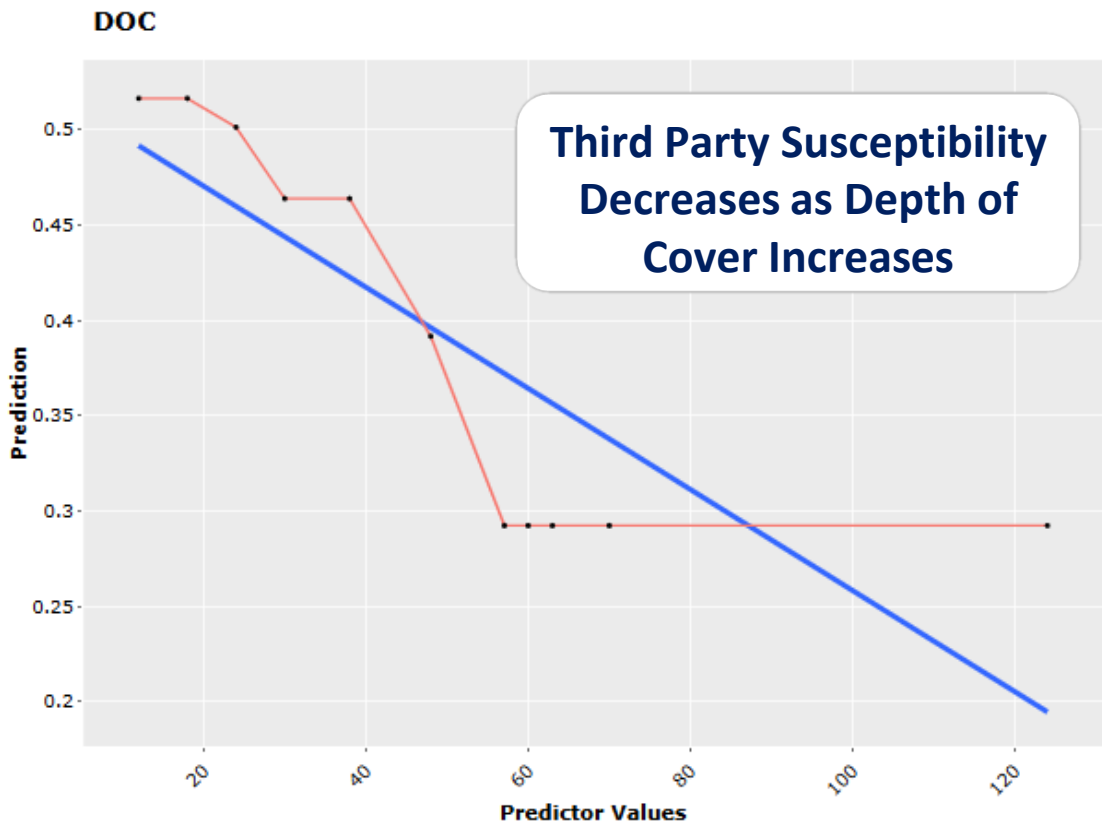


Learned Model – Global Weights

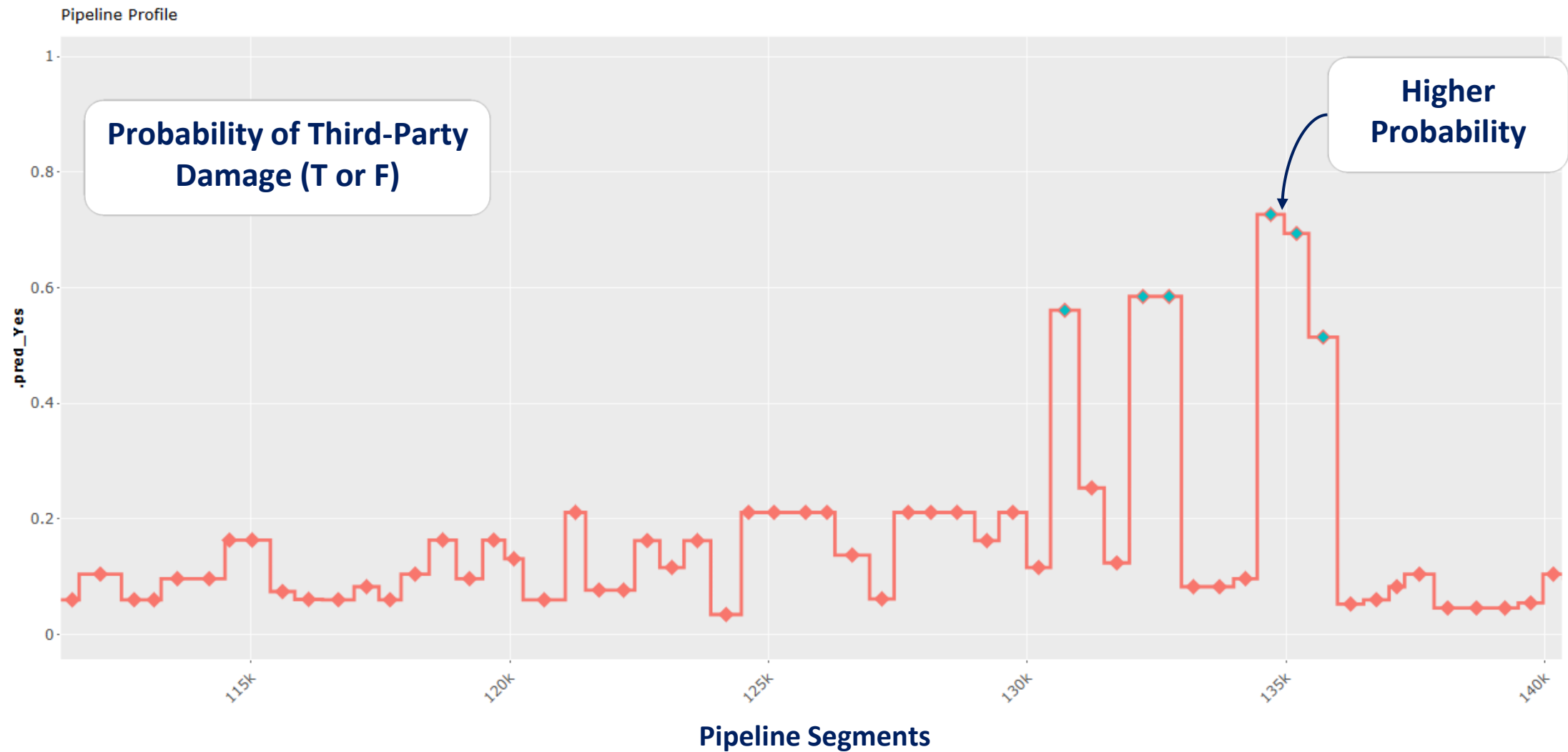
Model Predictor Importance



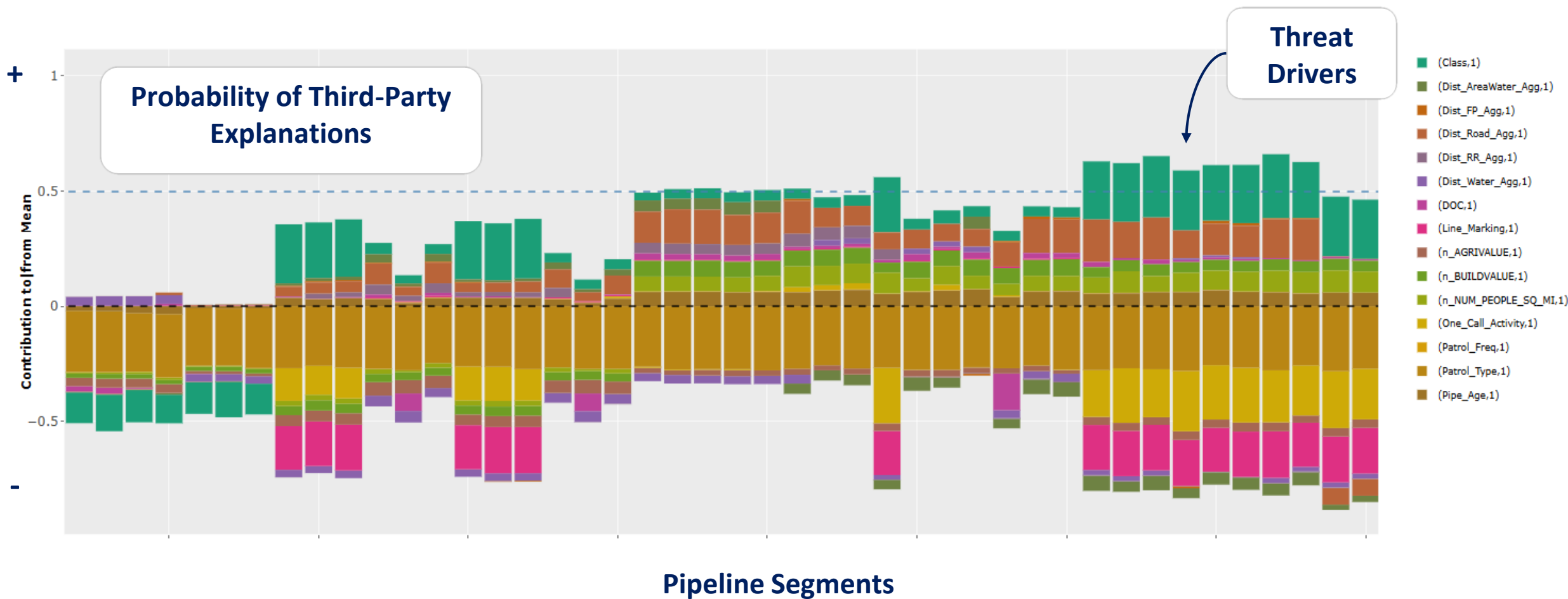
Model Predictor Directionality



Learned Model Application



Learned Model Application & Explanation

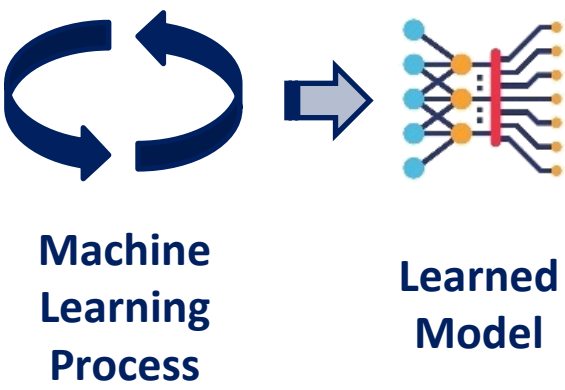


External Corrosion Severity (Regression)



Learning Target	Predictors							
	_Change	Dist_Road_Agg	DOC	n_AGRIVALUE	Nominal_OD	Pipe_Coating	Pipe_Seam	st_SOIL_cor
		All		All	All	All	All	All
2.05	-0.03	Limited_Impact	24.00	0.00	30.00	ASPHALT_ENAMEL	DSAW	High
2.05	-0.01	Out_Of_Range	30.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
2.00	-0.02	Out_Of_Range	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
2.00	-0.03	Limited_Impact	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
2.00	-0.03	Out_Of_Range	60.00	0.00	18.00	TGF_A	DSAW	High
2.00	-0.03	Out_Of_Range	63.00	0.00	18.00	TGF_A	DSAW	High
1.90	-0.07	Potential_Impact	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
1.85	-0.03	Out_Of_Range	18.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
1.80	0.02	Limited_Impact	24.00	0.00	18.00	FBE	DSAW	High
1.75	-0.03	Limited_Impact	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_H	DSAW	Moderate
1.70	-0.07	Limited_Impact	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
1.70	-0.07	Limited_Impact	30.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
1.70	-0.08	Potential_Impact	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
1.70	-0.08	Out_Of_Range	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate
1.70	-0.07	Out_Of_Range	24.00	0.00	30.00	TGF_E	DSAW	Moderate

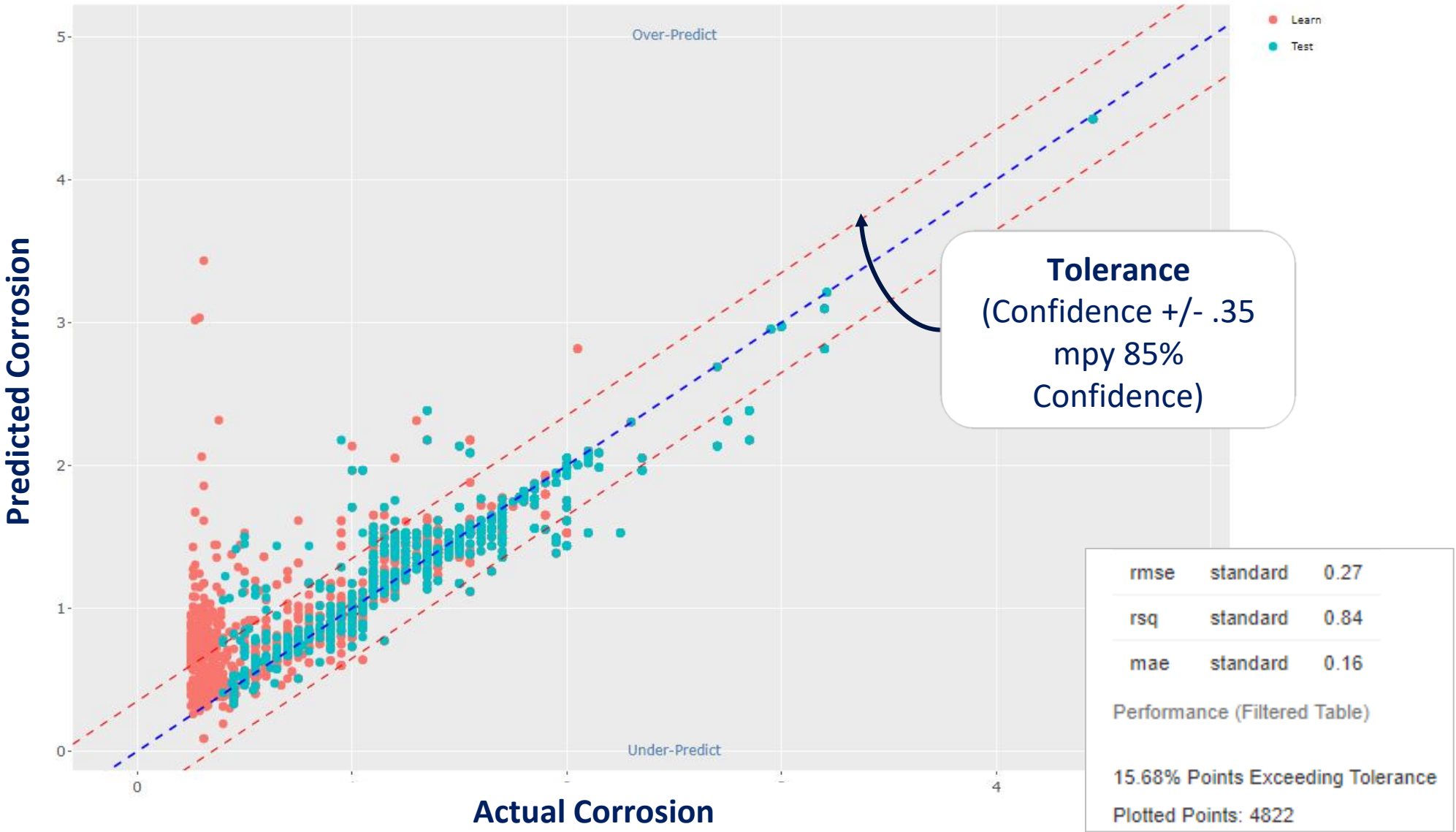
Training Data



Learned Model Regression Performance

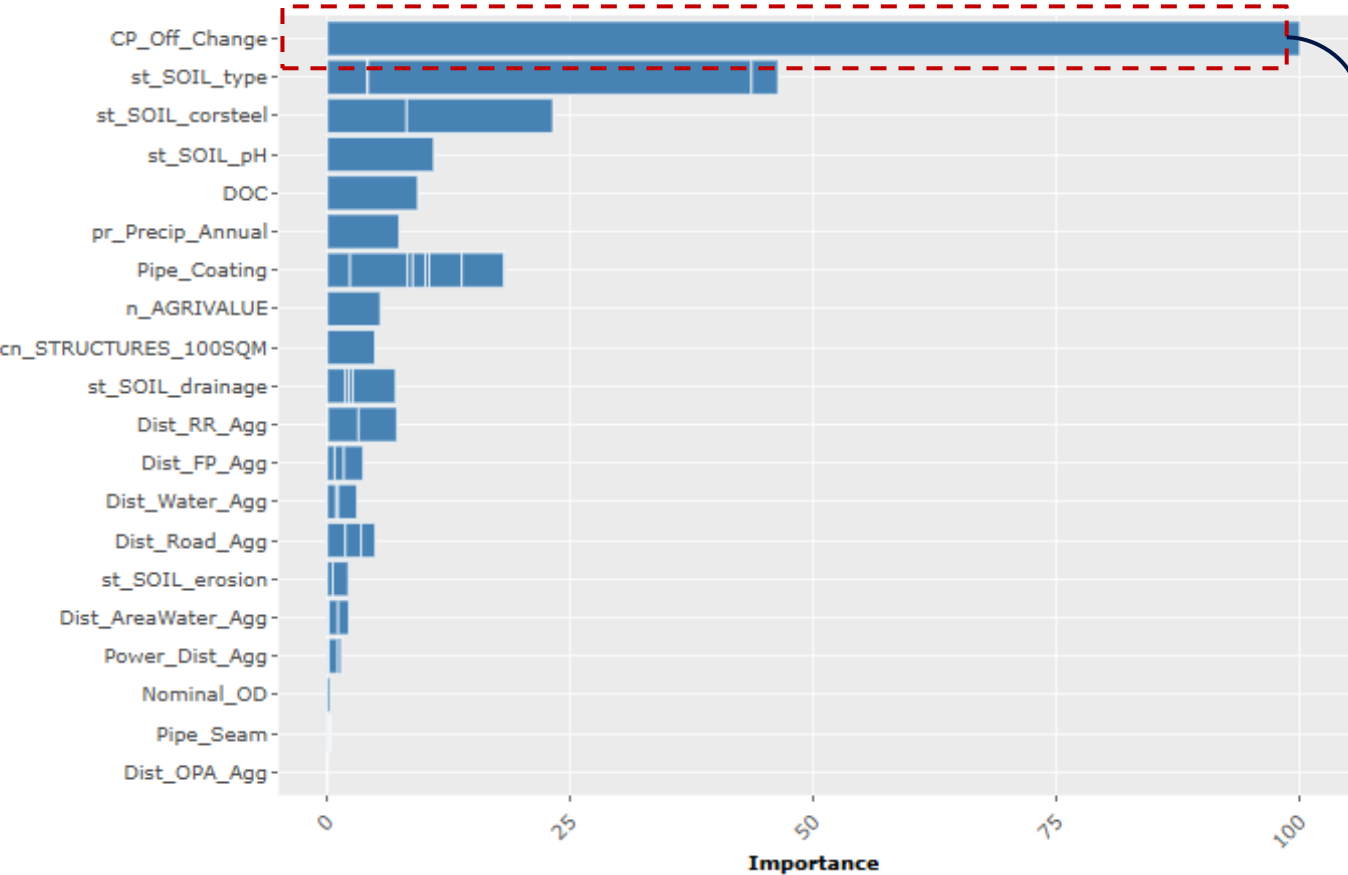
Metrics

- RMSE
- R2
- MAE

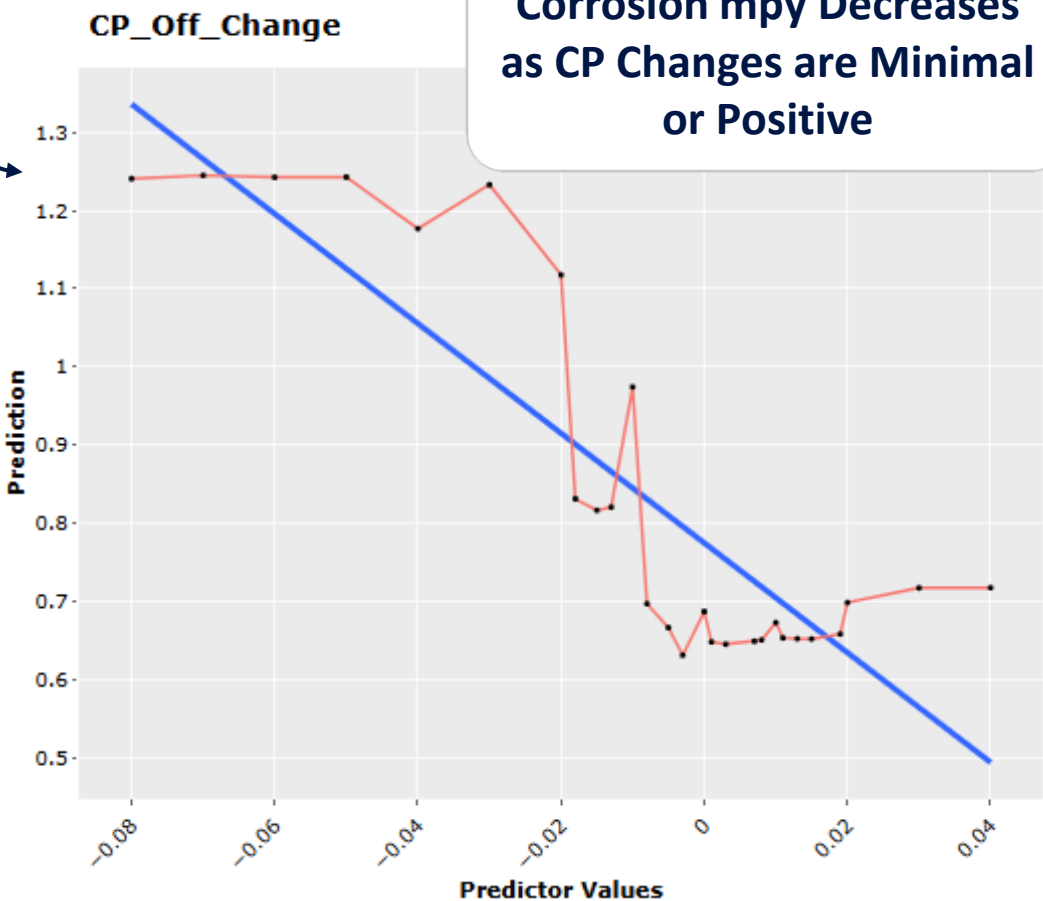


Learned Model – Global Weights

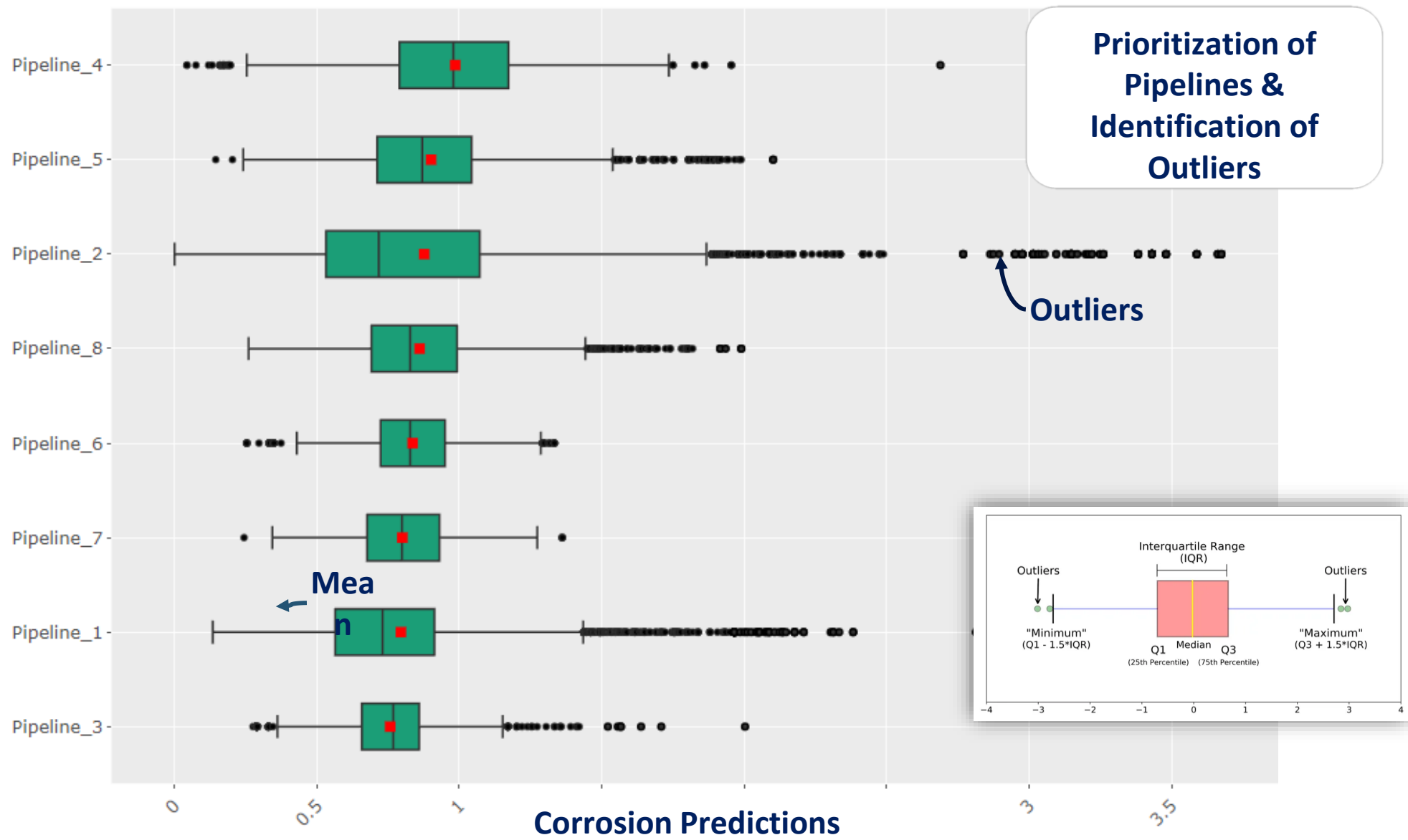
Model Predictor Importance



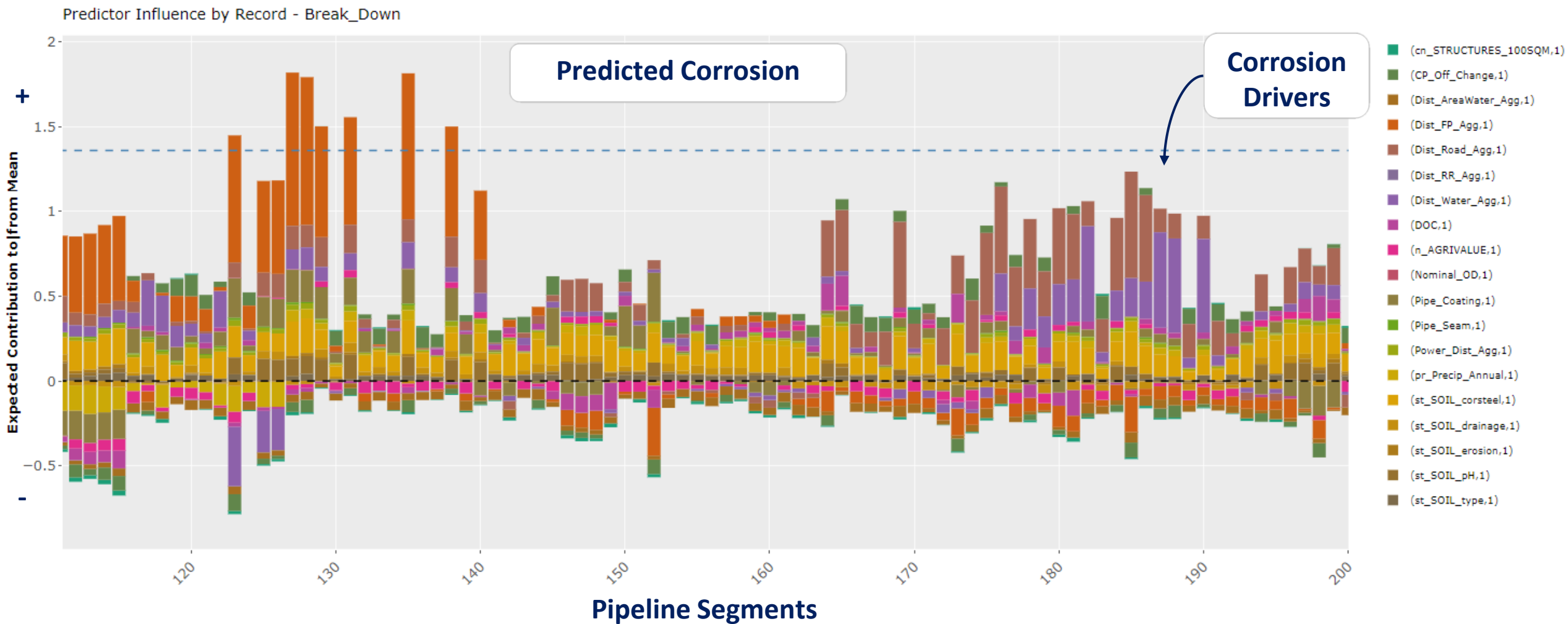
Model Predictor Directionality



Learned Model Application



Learned Model Application & Explanations

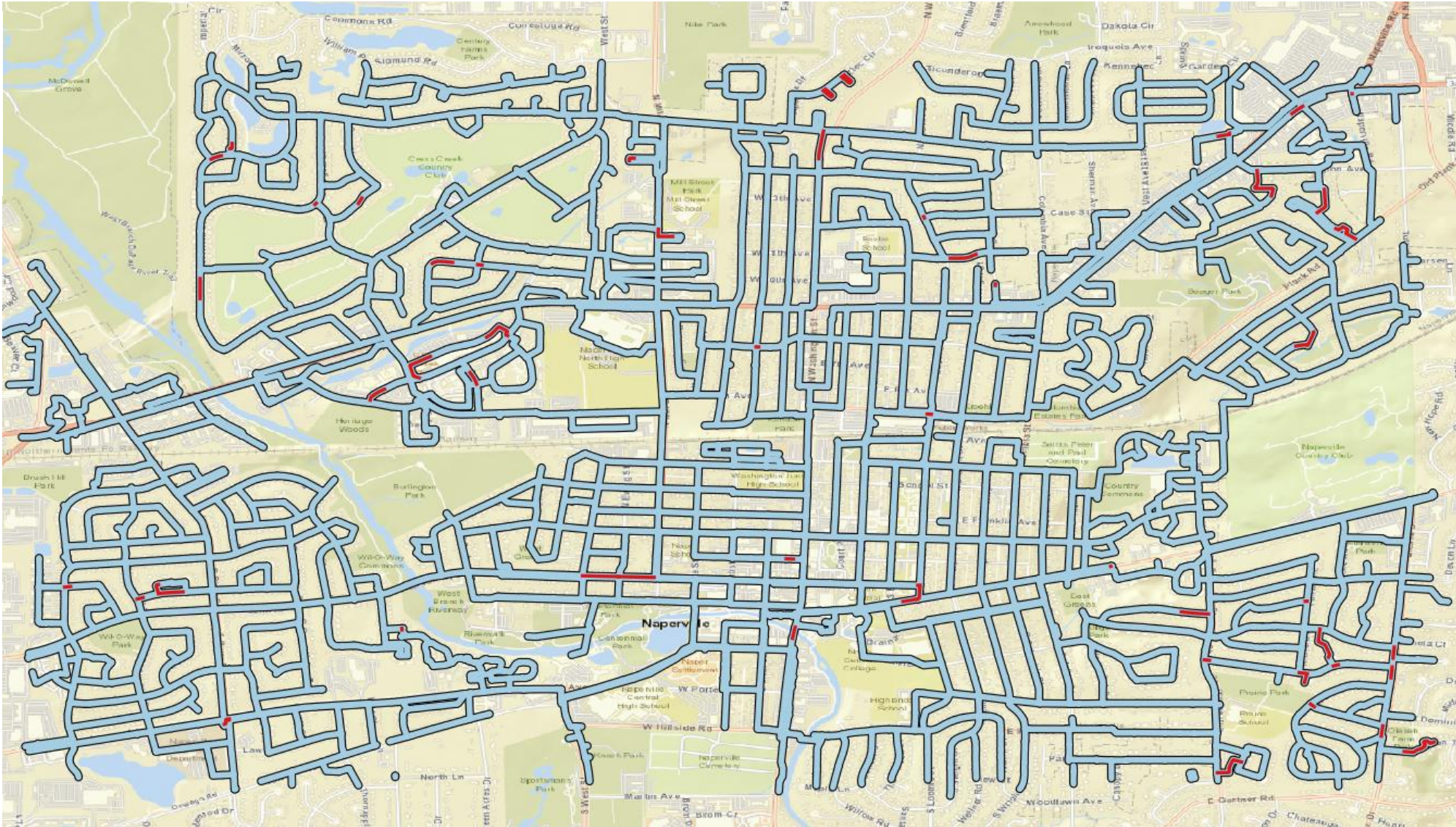


Distribution System Monetized Risk (QRA)



Distribution System w\Leak Observations

Leaks



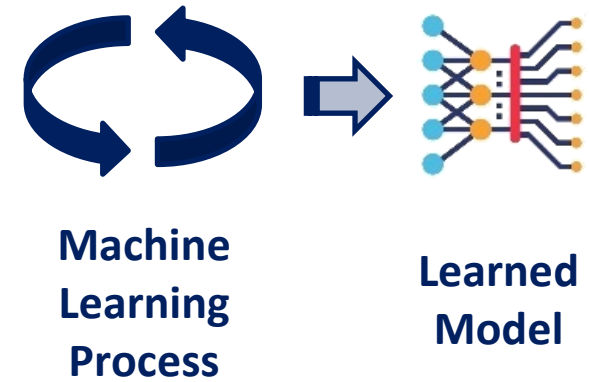
Predictors

**Learning
Target
(Leak Rate)**

0.02	No
0.00	No
0.00	No
0.06	No
0.00	No
0.02	No
0.01	No
0.01	No
0.00	No
0.00	No
0.01	No
0.01	No
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0.01	No
0.00	No
0.03	No

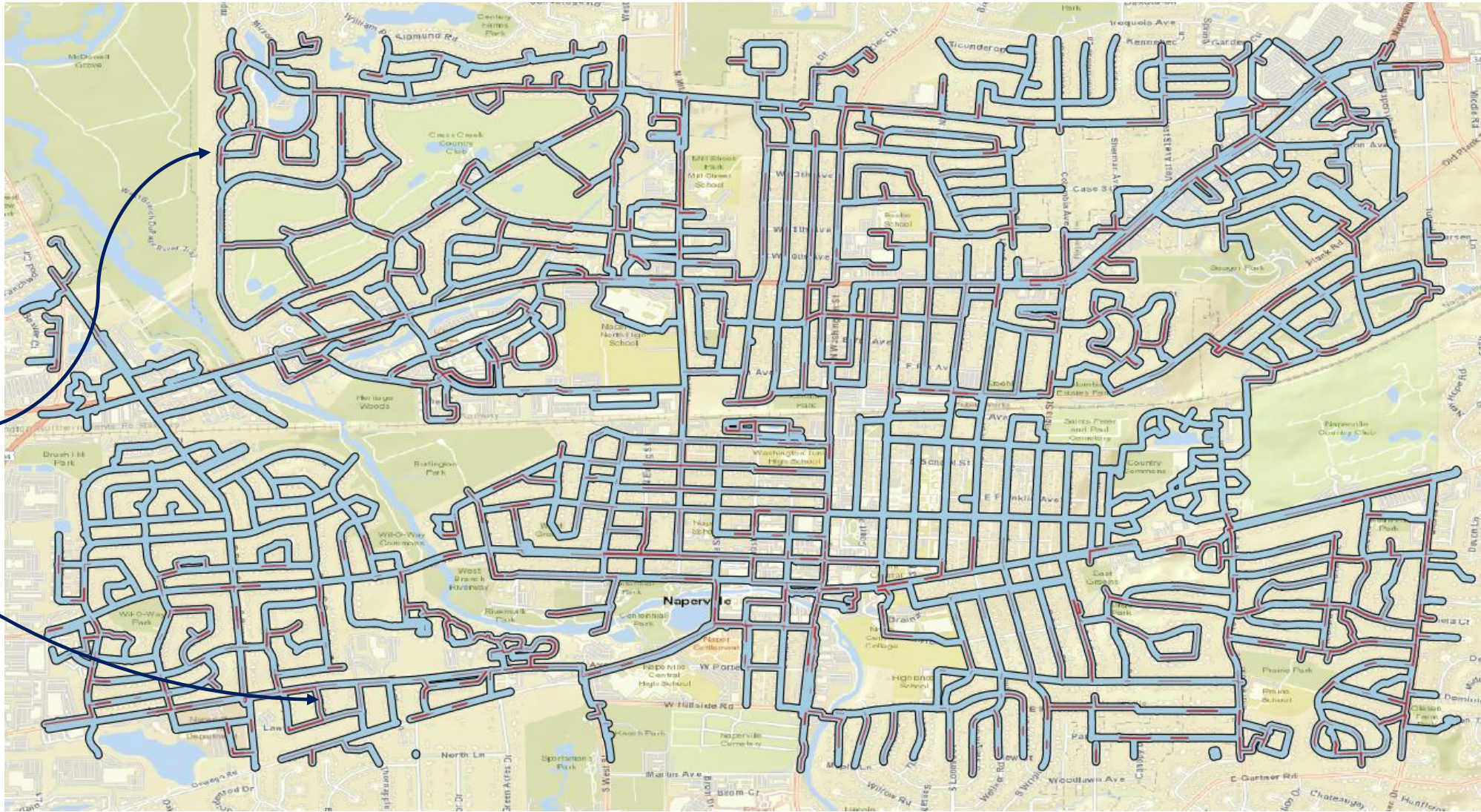
Reference	Coating_Type	CP_Reading	Diameter	Dist_FP	Dist_OPA	Material	MPY_Observed	n_AGRVALUE	pr_Precip_Ann
	All	All	All	A	All	A	All	All	All
	No Coating	-0.90	8.00	715.28		CAS	0.91	139.42	
	PE	-1.90	8.00	328.09		STEEL	-0.18	0.00	
	PE	-1.10	6.00	820.29		STEEL	0.49	345.31	
	Unknown	-0.90	8.00			UNK	0.66	0.00	
	PE	-1.60	6.00	1,712.54		STEEL	0.07	345.31	
	TGF	-1.50	6.00	540.21		STEEL	0.16	345.31	
	No Impact	0.00	6.00	88.33		PVC	-0.00	0.00	
	Unknown	-0.70	6.00	1,334.41		UNK	0.83	0.00	
	FBE	-1.60	6.00			STEEL	1.13	0.00	
	FBE	-1.40	8.00	879.58		STEEL	1.30	0.00	
	PE	-1.90	8.00	2,032.54		STEEL	-0.18	855.06	
	PE	-1.90	8.00	2,018.25		STEEL	-0.18	855.06	
	PE	-1.90	8.00	1,963.73		STEEL	-0.18	855.06	
	PE	-1.70	8.00	1,961.68		STEEL	-0.01	855.06	
	PE	-1.00	16.00	2,020.61		STEEL	0.58	855.06	
	PE	-1.90	16.00	2,014.44		STEEL	-0.18	855.06	
	PE	-1.30	16.00	2,222.94		STEEL	0.32	855.06	
	PE	-1.80	8.00	2,179.92		STEEL	-0.10	855.06	
	No Coating	-1.00				CAS	0.82	0.00	

Training Data



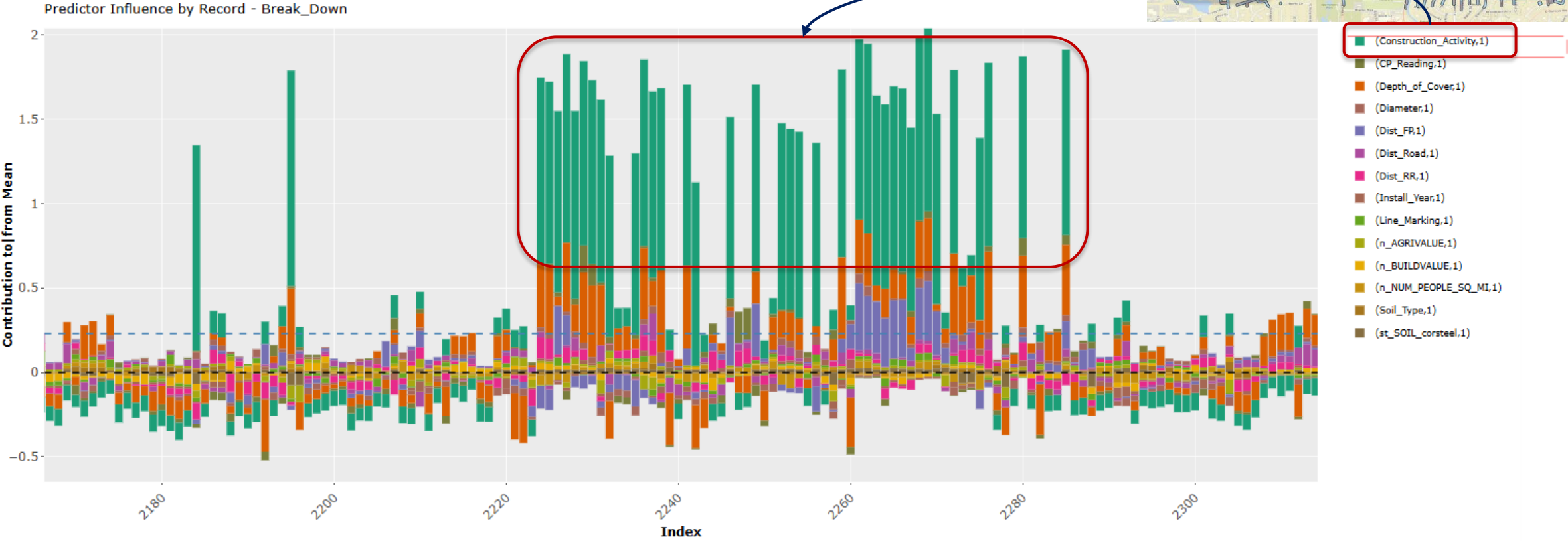
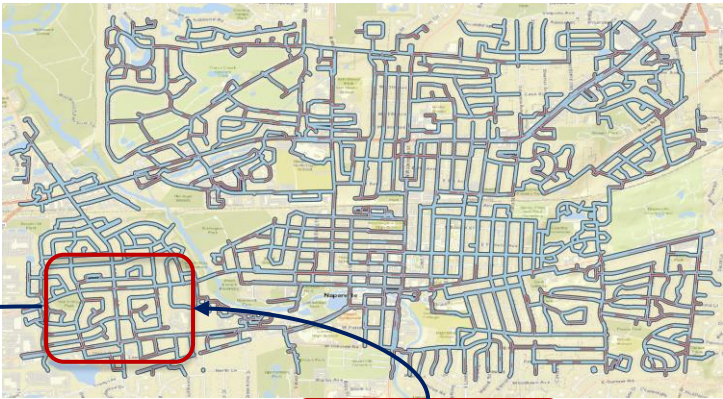
Learned Model Application (Predict Leaks)

Leak Probabilities
(exceeding
Criteria)

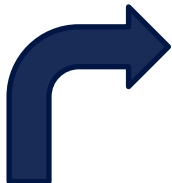


Model Explanations Defining Cohort Mitigation and Replacement Plans

Higher Threat Risk Areas Driven by High Construction Activity

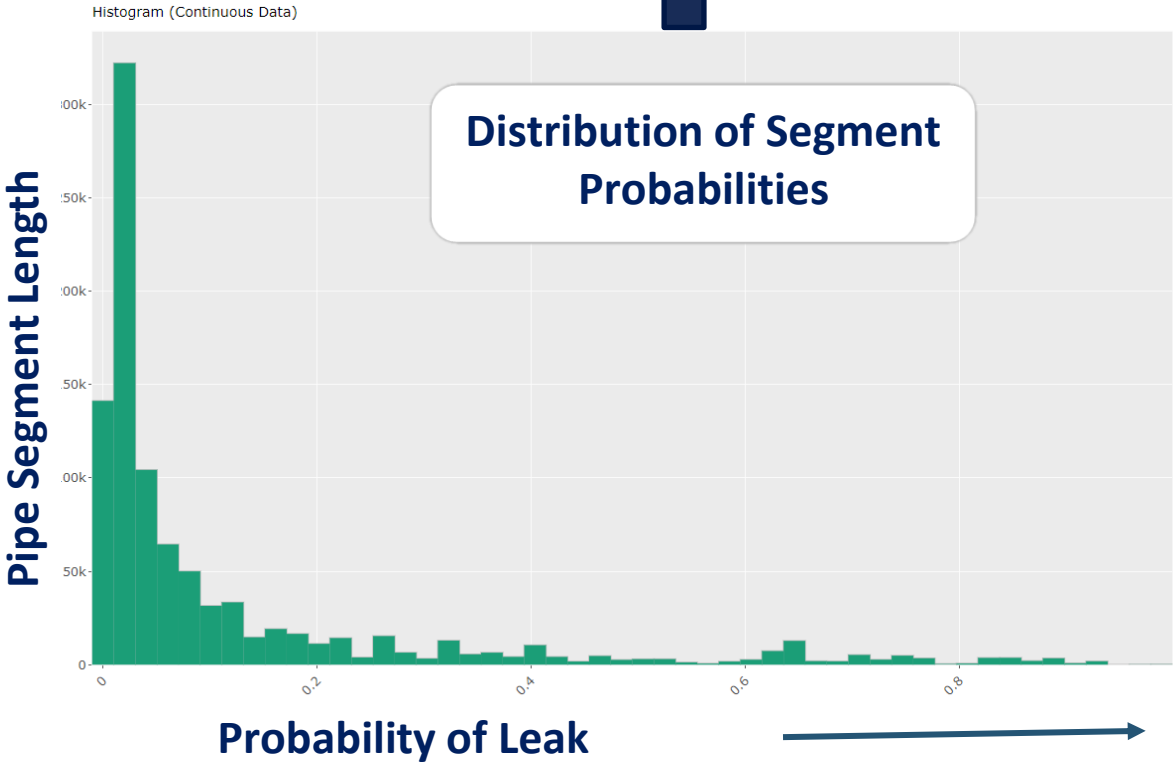


Monetized System Risk Distribution Leaks

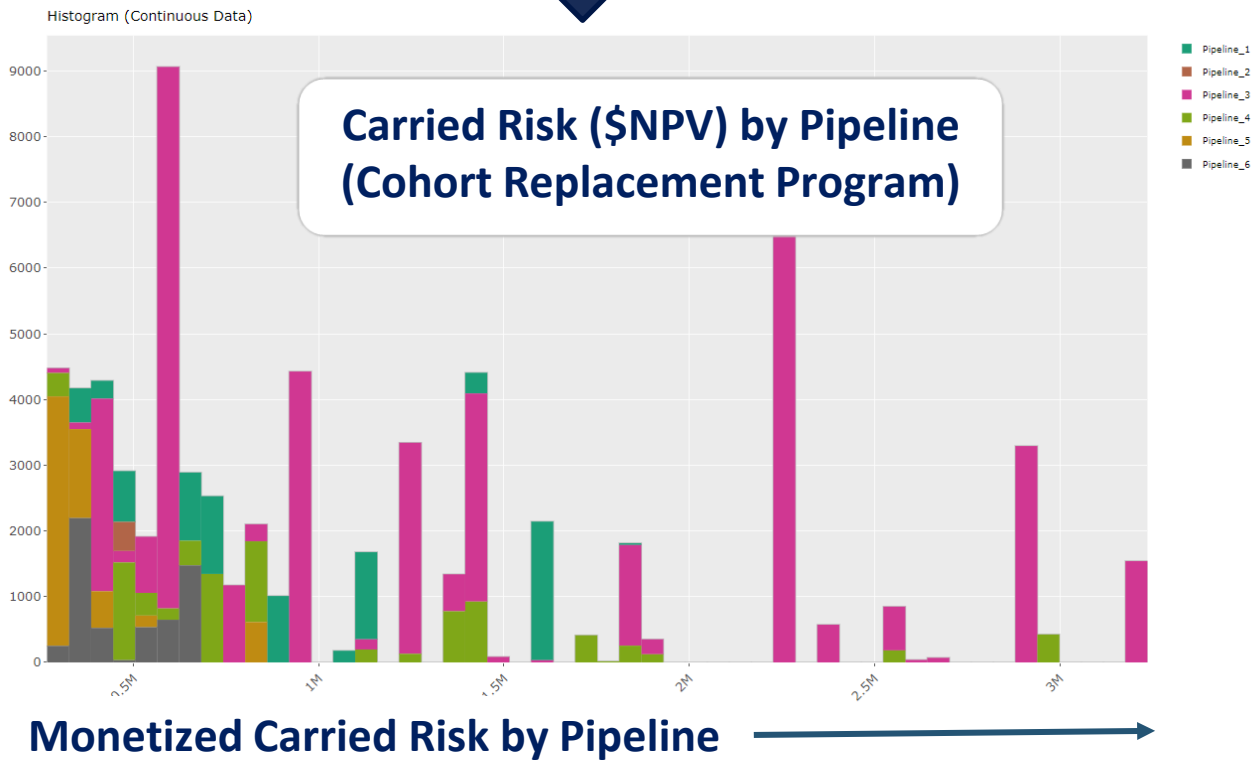


QRA

- Consider resistance (pipe WT, toughness)
- Normalize to incident distributions (P50\|P99)

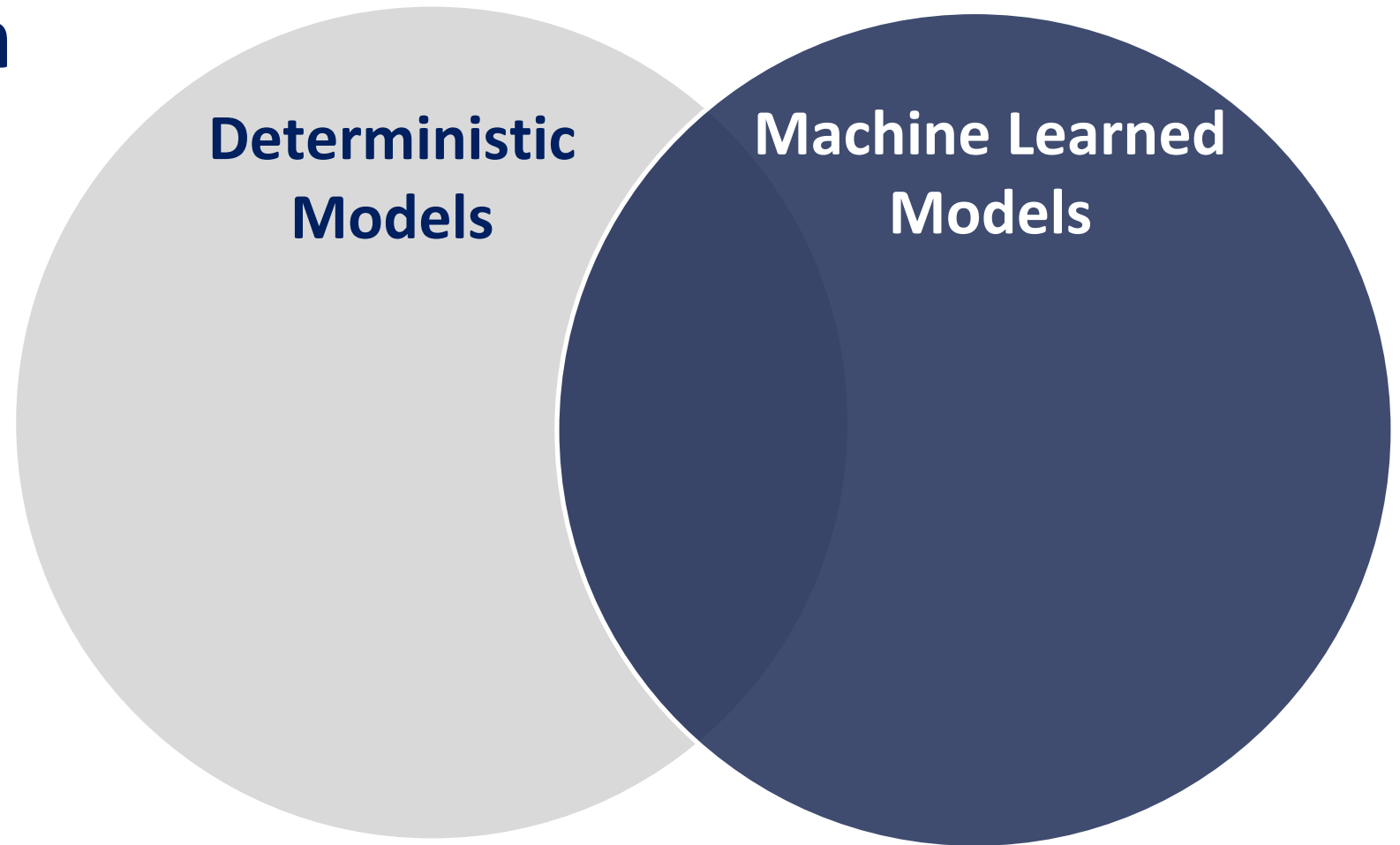


Machine Learned Results



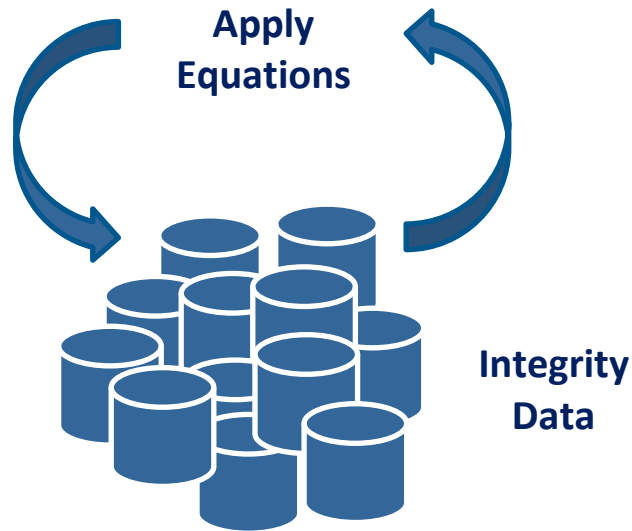
QRA Monetized Risk

Deterministic Model Validation

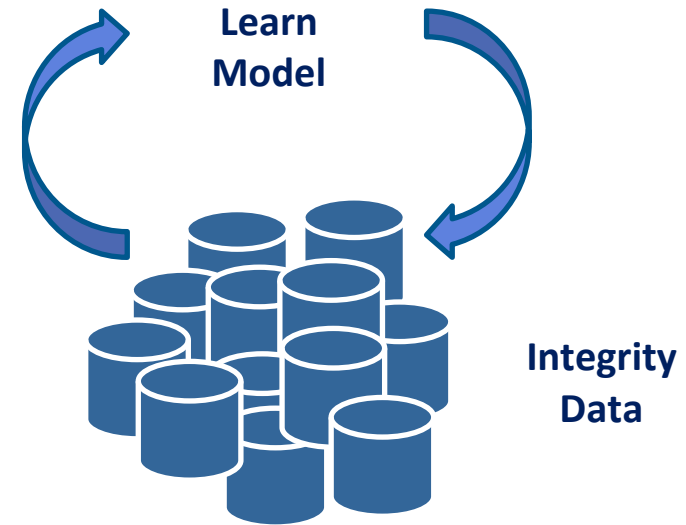


“Machine Learning Adapts Your Model To Your Business And Not The Business To Your Model”

Deterministic Models



Machine Learned Models

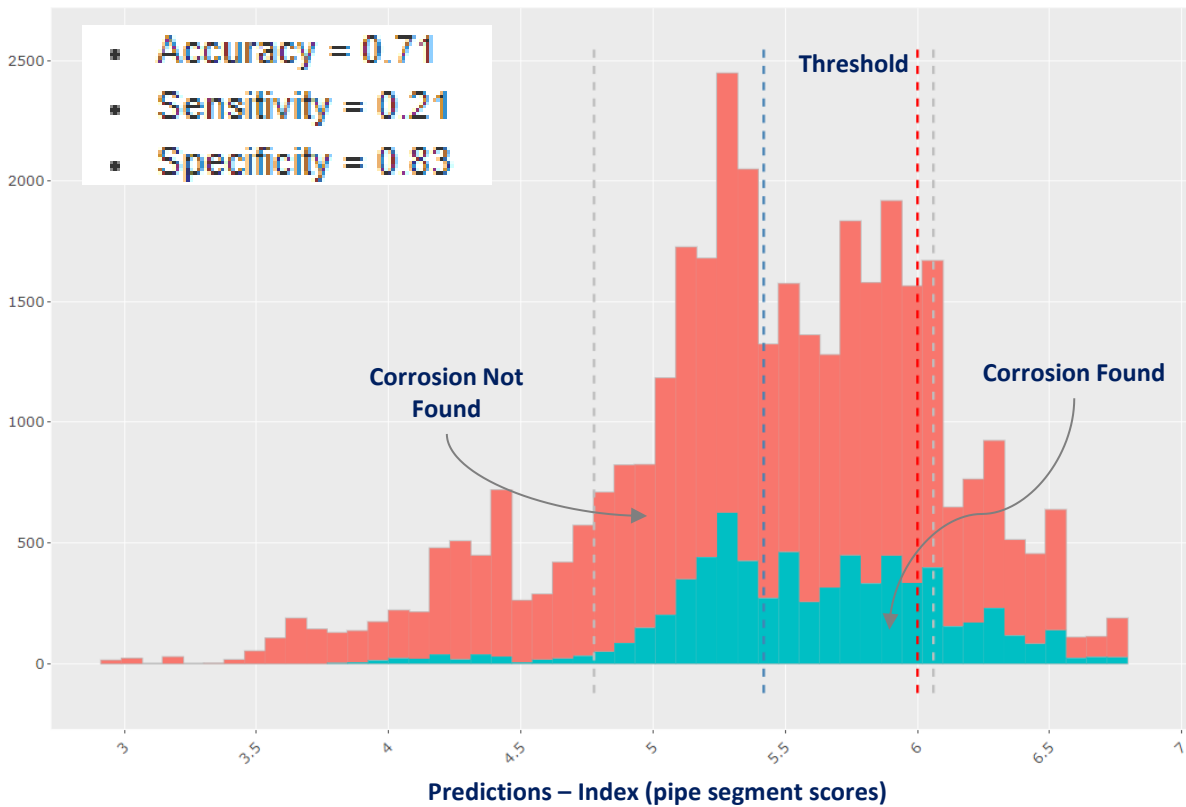


**Same Integrity Data Used for Both
Approaches**

Deterministic vs. Machine Learned Performance

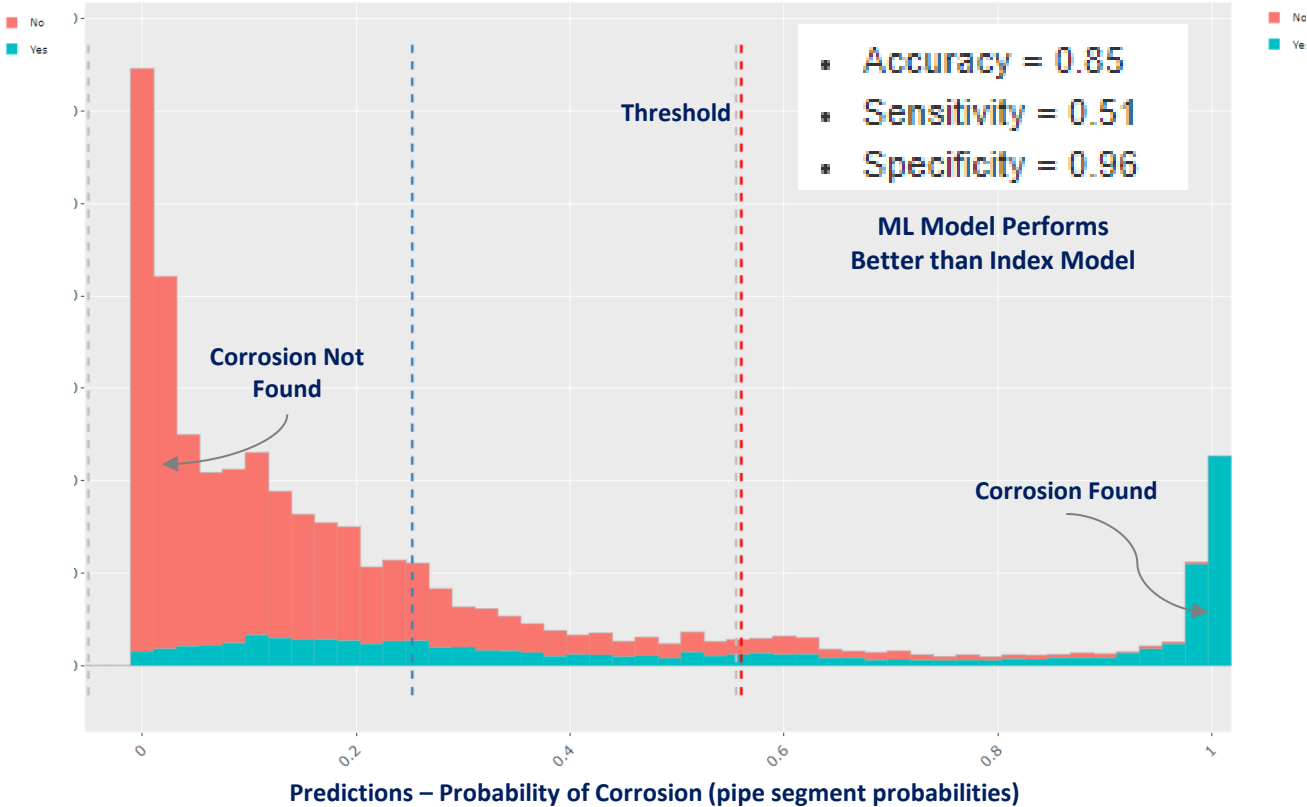
External Corrosion Example (Same Predictor Data - Deterministic vs. Machine Learned both Tested w\Observations)

Deterministic Model



Model Learned based on Deterministic Structure

Machine Learned Model



Model Learned with Observational Data

Summary

Value of Machine Learning to Integrity & Risk Management

- Data Driven – Leverage Existing Data
- Validated – Models are Explicitly Validated
- Explainable – Models & Results are Fully Transparent & Explainable
- Versatile – Process may be Applied to Wide Range of Use Cases

Resources

Open Source AI & ML Software

- [R TidyModels](#)
- [Python scikit Learn](#)
- [LLM's](#)



Machine Learning for Pipeline Integrity Management

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